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DESCRIBE LOCAL BIRD REFUGES

How farmers, public officials, and others can attract and protect birds by establishing refuges for them is told in a new Farmers' Bulletin entitled "Local Bird Refuges" just issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. "Farmers, in particular," says the bulletin, "will be interested in the establishment and maintenance of effective bird refuges, because the welfare of crops and the commercial success of the farm are intimately related to the numbers and kinds of birds present and to their economic tendencies. Bird refuges on farms have been most successful when established and maintained cooperatively by the landowner and a State game commission, an Audubon society, a bird club, or a school."

Local bird refuges may also be created in wood lots, along roadsides and right of ways, in community parks and parkings and cemeteries, and on picnic, fair, school, college, and reservoir grounds and golf courses. All these types of land which are adaptable as bird sanctuaries are discussed in the bulletin. It gives suggestions for planting trees and shrubs to make the areas more attractive for the birds. A table shows the preference of birds for the various kinds of fleshy fruits recommended for planting. It also refers to other publications of the department dealing with roadside planting, farmstead beautification, and methods of attracting birds.

Copies of the new publication, Farmers' Bulletin 1644-F, may be obtained free, as long as the supply lasts, by writing to the Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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